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SPECIAL CHARGES

EUR/SES: SCFROMQWITZ: SD

8/3/72 EXT 23189

EUR - R. T. DAVIES

EUR/SES - MR. STEFAN

A/SY/I - MR. TRETOLA (PHONE)

5 CLEARANCES

DESIRED DISTRIBUTION

PRIORITY: MOSCOW

ROUTINE: USUN NY

SPECIAL HANDLING

CAPTION

SUBJECT: JDL INCIDENT AT VIRSKY PERFORMANCE, NYC

1. AT AUG 2 VIRSKY PERFORMANCE IN METROPOLITAN OPERA, NYC FOUR BAGS OF ANIMAL BLOOD WERE THROWN ON STAGE CAUSING BRIEF INTERRUPTION AND SPLATTERING TWO OR THREE PERFORMERS. PERFORMANCE CONTINUED AFTER THREE-MINUTE CLEAN-UP.

2. TWO ADMITTED AND KNOWN JDL MEMBERS (JOSEF KLEIN, 19, AND ABRAM MALEK, 21) WERE APPREHENDED AND CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF NOXIOUS MATERIAL, DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND HARASSMENT, AND RESISTING ARREST.

3. IN ADDITION, TWO BOMB THREATS WERE CALLED IN DURING PERFORMANCE. SINCE FIRST WAS SHORTLY BEFORE INTERMISSION AND SECOND NEAR CLOSING, THEY CAUSED NO FURTHER INTERRUPTION OF PERFORMANCE. SEARCHES CONDUCTED AT INTERMISSION AND AFTER FINAL CURTAIN WERE NEGATIVE.

4. ABOVE INFORMATION REPORTED BY STATE SY AGENT AT PERFORMANCE.

5. INCIDENT HAS BEEN CARRIED ON LOCAL TV AND RADIO NEWS-CASTS BUT NOT AS YET IN PRESS. DECON 7/3/72. 44

EUR/SOV - MR. RONHOVDE (SUBJECT)

EUR/P - MR. JERABEK (INFO)

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